

# Appendix 3

## Agenda for Fact-Finding Sessions

### VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Task Force

**May 8, 2003**

Conference Room 542, 1800 G Street, NW, Washington, DC

9:00	Open Fact-finding Session	John O'Hara, Task Force Executive Director
9:05	Chairman's Remarks	Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy
9:10	Welcome to the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)	William Stinger Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits
9:20	VA 101 – Overview Briefing on the Department of Veterans Affairs	Gary Steinberg DAS for Planning and Evaluation
9:40	Overview of VBA	Robert Epley Deputy Associate Under Secretary for Benefits
10:15	Briefing on Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Program	Jeffrey Alger, Acting Director, VR&E  Jerry Braun, Ph.D., Deputy Director, VR&E
1:00	Overview on findings and recommendations from prior studies. Overview on outcomes.	David Dean, Ph.D. University of Richmond
2:30	Remarks and comments from Veterans Service Organizations on VR&E Program	Jim Doran, AMVETS Carroll Williams, American Legion Dave Gorman, Disabled American Veterans Louis Irwin, Paralyzed Veterans of America John McNeil, Veterans of Foreign Wars
4:00	Remarks from Under Secretary for Benefits	Honorable Daniel L. Cooper

**May 29, 2003**

Room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

9:00	Open Fact-finding Session	Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy
9:15	General Accounting Office	Cynthia Bascetta, Director Education, Workforce and Income Security – Veterans Benefit Issues, GAO  Irene Chu Assistant Director
10:00	VA Congressional Committee Staff	Darryl Kehrer HVAC Subcommittee on Benefits Majority Staff Director  Mary Ellen McCarthy HVAC Subcommittee on Benefits Minority Staff Director  Jonathan Towers SVAC, Majority Staff Counsel
11:00	VR&E briefing on evaluation process and case management. Demonstration of WINRS and review of Intranet WINRS reports.	Jeffrey Alger, Acting Director, VR&E Program  Jerry Braun, Ph.D., Deputy Director, VR&E
1:00	Private Sector Discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation Process</li> <li>Case Management</li> </ul>	CorVel Corporation Duane Bigelow VP, National Product Manager  Debbie Smith, Case Manager Intracorp  Rob Gelb, National Accounts Manager, Intracorp  Connie Miller, Director, Case Mgt Products  George Moore & Associates George Moore, President  Pat Summer, Case Manager GENEX Services, Inc. Melissa Davey Vice President, Managed Disabilities

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2:40 Private Sector Panel on Functional  
Capacity Evaluation in the 21st  
Century

Mark Dakos  
Chief Operating Officer,  
Hanoun, Inc

Leonard Matheson, Ph.D.  
Washington University

Robert May, M.D.  
Director, National Association of  
Disability Evaluating Professionals

**May 30, 2003**

Room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

9:00 Open Fact-finding Session

Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy

9:10 Department of Labor - Veterans

Honorable Frederico Juarbe  
Assistant Secretary,  
Veterans Employment & Training  
Department of Labor

10:10 Department of Education State

Commissioner Joanne Wilson  
Rehabilitation Services  
Administration  
Department of Education

11:00 Veterans Health Administration

Honorable Robert Roswell, M.D.  
Under Secretary for Health

- Overview of VHA

- CWT

Anthony Campinell, Ph.D.

- Physical & Rehab Med

John Jacobson

1:00 Association of State Directors of  
Veterans Affairs

George Basher  
Director, Division of Veterans' Affairs  
New York State

2:00 Close Fact-finding Session

**June 23, 2003**

Room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

9:00 Open Fact-Finding Session

Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy

9:10 Overview Presentation on VR&E  
Independent Living Services

Jerry Braun, Ph.D.  
Deputy Director, VR&E

Bruce Holderman, VR&E  
Missy Freeley, VR&E

10:00 Overview Presentation on VR&E  
Self-Employment Services

Peter Foyet, VR&E  
Bob Roundtree, VR&E

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| 11:00 | Discussion of Self-Employment Programs at Small Business Administration. | William Elmore<br>Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development  |
|       | Role of VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization        | Scott Denniston<br>Director, VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization   |
|       |  | Gale Wagner  |
| 1:00  | Panel Discussion<br>VA Regional Office Directors                         | Vince Crawford – St. Paul, MN<br>Stewart Liff – Los Angeles, CA<br>Michael Olson – Chicago, IL<br>Frank Pierce – Seattle, WA<br>Jack Ross – Cleveland, OH<br>Thomas Wagner – Houston, TX |
| 3:00  | Overview Presentation on VR&E Employment Services.                       | Jeanette Mendy<br>Employment Specialist, VR&E Washington, DC   |
| 4:00  | Task Force Discussions   |  |

**June 24, 2003**

Room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

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| 9:00  | Open Fact-Finding Session   | Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy   |
| 9:05  | VR Policy and VR Employment   | Dr. Margaret Giannini<br>Director, Office of Disability Services<br>Department of Health & Human Services |
| 9:30  | Overview on Accreditation and Discussion of Metrics in Vocational Rehabilitation Programs | Paul Andrew<br>Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities                                   |
| 11:15 | Enhancing Human Potential Through Technology  | Janet Fiore<br>Chief Executive Officer, The Sierra Group  |
| 1:00  | VR Employment Strategies  | Jenn Rigger<br>VR Program Specialist, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education     |
| 1:30  | Independent Living Services   | Anne-Marie Hughey<br>Executive Director, National Council on Independent Living                           |

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| 2:15 | Assisting Veterans Seeking Opportunities for Self-Employment  | Dave Clagett<br>Vice President, National Veterans Business Development Corporation                   |
| 3:00 | Overview of VBA Education Program                             | Judith Caden<br>Director, Education Program, VBA   |
| 3:30 | Economic Participation: Finding Jobs for Disabled Individuals | Nancy Starnes<br>VP and Director, Community Partnership Program, National Organization on Disability |
| 4:00 | Task Force Discussions  |  |

**October 22, 2003**

Room 530, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

8:00 a.m. Meeting of Task Force to discuss and vote on recommendations presented by subcommittee chairs.

**February 18, 2004**

Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC

10:00 a.m. Meeting of Task Force to discuss content and presentation of report.

